

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A playback apparatus that plays for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium ~~on which is also recorded, the recording medium~~ including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a ~~location on a time axis relating to~~ playback timing of video of the video stream, and the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and, for each image, a corresponding rendition time at which the image is to be rendered corresponding to each image, the playback apparatus comprising:

a storage unit memory;

a playback unit player operable to successively play the video that ~~composes~~ the video stream, according to a playback timing ~~relating to~~ the control information;

a program execution unit executer operable to successively interpret and execute each of the predetermined codes that compose the computer program, wherein interpreting and executing with respect to the predetermined codes is a procedure of ~~for~~ storing, in the storage unit, the designated plurality of images designated by the predetermined codes and the corresponding rendition time corresponding to of each designated image in the storage memory;

an image selection unit selector operable to compare (a) a specified location that is

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a location, on a time axis relating to select at least one image of the plurality of images based on (a) the playback timing of the video currently being played, which is specified based on included in the control information, with and (b) each of the stored rendition time corresponding rendition times, and if, based on a comparison result, one or more images are to be rendered, select the one or more images to each image stored in the storage memory; and

a rendition unit renderer operable to, if one or more images have been selected by the image selection unit, render the one or more images selected at least one image during playback of the video.

2. (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:

a processor; and

an image memory for storing images that compose a screen to be displayed on a screen,

wherein the program execution unit implements the interpreting and execution executer interprets and executes the predetermined codes by converting the codes into machine language instructions that are executable by the processor, and causing the processor to execute the instructions,

wherein the image selection unit performs the comparison selector selects the at least one image by causing the processor to execute predetermined comparison-use machine language instruction sets, and

wherein the rendition unit performs the rendition renderer renders the selected at least one image by, if one or more images have been selected by the image selecting unit,

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transferring the selected at least one or more image from the storage unit memory to the image memory.

3. (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined codes are for designating each rendition time designated by using the predetermined codes comprises a rendition start time and a rendition end time,

~~the program execution unit implements the execution of the predetermined codes by storing, in the storage unit, pieces of image data and rendition time data in correspondence, each piece of image data showing a different one of the images, and each piece of rendition time data showing the rendition start time and the rendition end time of the image shown by the corresponding piece of image data, and~~

~~wherein the image selection unit selector selects one or more images that are shown by image data that has the at least one image based on the playback timing of the video and a corresponding rendition time data in which a range defined by the rendition start time through to the rendition end time encompasses the specified location.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the control information further includes condition information that shows a predetermined condition judgment criterion ~~in correspondence with at least one location on the time axis corresponding to at least one rendition time~~, and

~~wherein the image selection unit selector selects each of the one or more images the at least one image only when (a) a predetermined relationship is satisfied between the rendition time of the selected at least one image and the specified location playback timing, and, in addition, (b) if the specified location has corresponding condition information, a~~

predetermined condition is satisfied based on the condition information.

5. (Currently Amended) The playback device of Claim 4, wherein the predetermined codes are for further designating sets of image rendition coordinates, each image being in correspondence with corresponding to a set of image rendition coordinates,

wherein the program execution unit further implements the interpreting and execution executer interprets and executes the predetermined codes by storing, in the storage unit memory, each designated set of image rendition coordinates in correspondence with the corresponding image,

wherein the condition information includes a set of coordinates, and

wherein the image selection unit selector selects each of the at least one or more images image only when (a) a predetermined relationship is satisfied between the rendition time of the image and the specified location, and, in addition, (b) if the specified location has corresponding condition information, the set of image rendition coordinates stored in correspondence with the image and the set of coordinates in the condition information fall are within a predetermined proximity of each other.

6. (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the condition information includes information for specifying playback speed,

wherein the playback unit player selects one of a plurality of playback speeds, and performs playback in accordance with the selected playback speed, and

wherein the predetermined condition relating to the selection by the image selection unit is a condition that the playback speed selected by the playback unit player for the video currently being played matches the playback speed designated by condition

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information in correspondence with the specified location playback timing.

7. (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the predetermined codes are for further designating designate image identifiers, each image being in correspondence with corresponding to an image identifier,

wherein the program execution unit further implements the interpreting and execution executer interprets and executes the predetermined codes by storing each designated image identifier in the storage unit memory in correspondence with the corresponding image,

wherein the condition information includes an image identifier, and

wherein the image selection unit selector selects each of the at least one or more images image only when (a) a predetermined relationship is satisfied between the rendition time of the image and the specified location, and, in addition, (b) if the specified location has corresponding condition information, the image identifier stored in correspondence with the image matches and the image identifier in the condition information match each other.